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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H04-238150,  
published August 26, 1992
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-67761A,  
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3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H06-044661,  
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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